

# Reading Area Water Authority

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## Reading Area Water Authority Stated Meeting March 10, 2009

The Stated Meeting of the Reading Area Water Authority was held on Tuesday March 10, 2009 at 4:00 PM in the Penn Room at City Hall, Reading, PA 19601.

Present were: Board Members: Mr. Joseph Kuzminski, Mr. Thomas Brogan, Ms. Donna Glaze and Mr. Raymond Schuenemann III. Mr. Dean Miller, Contract Executive Director, RAWA. Ms. Susan Days, Chief Administrative Coordinator, RAWA. Mr. Thomas Weld, BCM Engineers. Mr. Kerry Heckman, Contracted Government Accountant. Mr. Michael Setley, RAWA Solicitor. Absent was Chairman of the Board; Mr. John Ulrich.

Mr. Alan Wong of BCM Engineers and Mr. Randy Van Dyke, Contractor from Spinello Contracting, were present to discuss and present the Cotton Street Re-lining Project. There was a power point presentation and hand outs given to the Board with questions and answers regarding the lines that would be cleaned and the streets that would be affected, along with the positioning of the temporary water lines.

There was discussion on notifying the property owners/tenants and the ramifications of the vacant properties that have water access and the potential problems this could cause. Mr. Dean Miller and Mr. Thomas Weld discussed ways that RAWA will be notifying the customers to avoid any problems. Mr. Miller added that the RAWA along with BCM will do their best to assure that all properties are notified of the situation.

### **Financial Report:**

- Invoices for February 2009: \$ 131,104.81
- Capital Invoices for February 2009: \$ 17,649.21

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski and seconded by Mr. Thomas Brogan to authorize the payment of the outstanding invoices as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Directors Report:** Mr. Dean Miller, Executive Director, discussed

- Paramount Pictures: Mr. Uhlman of Paramount Pictures has been in contact with Mr. Miller of the RAWA to discuss interest in Lake Ontelaunee Property to film a Nickelodeon Movie called “Avatar: The Last Air bender” director and screenwriter M. Knight Syalaman. Mr. Miller added that Paramount Pictures has been in touch with the City of Reading as well to film at the pagoda along with other areas in the City. Mr. Setley stated that the RAWA has asked for license agreement as well as liability insurance before making a final determination.

There was discussion on the previous films by screenwriter and director Mr. M. Knight Syalaman.

**Engineers Report:** Mr. Thomas Weld, Engineer, RAWA:

- Cell # 5: Clay liner has to be re-evaluated. The Clay that was originally placed in the specifications is not being produced any further. BCM will contact PADEP to see if there is acceptable clay that can be used in lieu of the problem with the existing clay that was outlined.
- Temporary Water Line Resolution for abandoned House Policy: Presented to the Board was a draft of a resolution that is being requested to adopt that would not hold RAWA in fault of any damages done to water lines of abandoned and/or vacant homes.
- Developer Activities.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski and seconded by Ms. Donna Glaze to approve the temporary water system-abandoned house policy as presented by BCM Engineers with the submittal of paragraph to state “The approved Resolution applies solely to Contract 27A.” All in favor. The Resolution would read as followed: **During the temporary water system installation, when abandoned houses are found, these houses will not be connected to the bypass system but their curb stops will be closed. (the Contractor does not have consent to enter abandoned houses and obtaining consent from the owner, in most cases, proves to be unsuccessful (which can delay the project) In the case where a houses in abandoned and the service would be plugged (after cement mortar lining), the burden of service renewal, including unplugging the cement from the service line, will be responsibility of the owner or developer at the time water service is required to the house. This policy applied to only the work area for Contract 27-A.** All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**Solicitors Report:** Mr. Michael Setley, Solicitor, RAWA:

- LB Industries: Mr. Setley stated that at the last Board Meeting the Board had approved settlement with LB Industries for the first incident that had occurred on July 5, 2009 in the amount of \$62,150.00. Mr. Setley stated that a release needed to be signed by the Chairman or the Vice Chairman to receive the funds due to the RAWA.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas Brogan to approve the reduction in the tapping fee for the Double Tree Hotel by half of the proposed cost. In favor: Ms Donna Glaze and Mr. Raymond Schuenemann III. Opposed: Mr. Thomas Brogan and Mr. Joseph Kuzminski. Motion tied. Motion will be discussed at the Next Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski and seconded by Ms. Donna Glaze to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

The Reading Area Water Authority Stated Meeting will convene on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 4:00 PM in the Penn Room, City Hall, Reading, PA.